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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 29 under 35 USC § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite because while in the current text at paragraph [0010] the metals platinum and palladium are explicitly excluded from the list of catalytic metals, the claim did not similarly exclude Pt and Pd.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the explicit exclusion of Pt and Pd as recited in paragraph [0010] of the text. Claim 29 depends from claim 1 so the same amendment was not made to claim 29 to avoid redundancy.

Claims 6-15, 20, 28, 29, 34 and 36 were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependency form.

Those claims have been amended to depend from the preceding claims in the alternative only, the conjunction "and" being replaced by the correct conjunction "or".

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-39 would be allowable once the objections and § 112 rejection have been overcome, and corrected.

Claim 38 has been amended to recite that the primary amine to glycol ratio is about 3:1 to about 1:1 rather than this original ratio of 2:1 to 1:1, the amendment bringing claim 38 into conformity with paragraph [0012] at page 4, line 24 (third line from the bottom).

It is believed these amendments to the claims address all the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office action and the amendment to claim 38 does not voice any new or different issues or constitute an attempt to extend the scope of the claim beyond the original disclosures.

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It is requested that the Examiner review this case in light of the amendments made to the Claims, withdraw the rejection, allow the claims and pass the case to issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,


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